Special Loan Officer—progress of work.

269. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state how far the work of the Special Officer appointed in connection with the giving of loans progressed?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—A preliminary enquiry was conducted in respect of all the applications received and the *prima-facie* eligible cases were taken up for detailed enquiry. Wherever it has been possible to procure all the documents required, the enquiry has also been completed.

Petition—C. T. Mathew and others.

270. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether the Diwan of Cochin has received a petition dated 3rd October 1934, from Mr. C. T. Mathew and others;

(b) what are the prayers contained in the petition;

(c) whether any reply has been given to the petitioners; and if so,

(d) whether the petition and the reply thereto be printed and placed on the table;

(e) what steps have been taken to give effect to the requests contained in the petition?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) As the subject-matter of the petition is not known, it has not been possible to trace it.

(b) to (e). No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (a) above.

Thevar Road—improvement of.

271. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1.) the reasons for the delay in starting the work of improving Thevar road;

(2.) whether they propose to finish the work this year itself?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The estimate is under preparation.

(2) No. The work has only a part provision this year.

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